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Public Meeting and Invitation to Comment on Proposed New Lakeport Courthouse

What: A public meeting hosted by the state of California's Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) will present information about the new Lakeport courthouse proposed for a 6-acre site at 675 Lakeport Boulevard.

This meeting is a necessary step in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process. At the meeting, the public and other interested parties will have an opportunity to review and comment on the AOC's Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration.

The review period extends through 5 p.m. on September 22, 2010, so those unable to attend the meeting may also review the document and comment. The AOC's draft CEQA document and other project information, as well as instructions for submitting comments, are available on the California Courts Web site: www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/occm/projects_lake_lakeport.htm

When: Wednesday, September 15, 2010, 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Where: Lake County Courthouse, 255 North Forbes Street, Lakeport, CA 95453

Who: The AOC's Office of Court Construction and Management will present project information and a brief overview of the draft environmental report, and interested parties may present public comments or submit written comments.

Why: The proposed project will house four courtrooms in 50,158 square feet. It will replace the court's space on the fourth floor of the Lakeport Courthouse. This shared-use building, constructed in 1968, is overcrowded and has significant security problems, severe accessibility deficiencies, and many physical problems. The project will be funded by Senate Bill 1407, which finances critically needed courthouse construction, renovation, and repair through a portion of judicial branch fees, fines, and penalties, with no impact on the state's General Fund. The AOC plans to complete construction of the new courthouse in 2014.

More information on the project: www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/occm/projects_lake_lakeport.htm

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